(c) whether the National Institute of Urban Affairs is likely to be the model agency ;

(d) if so, whether HUDCO has also submitted a proposal to Government to take up financing for house construction in South Africa ;

(e) if so, whether these plans of HUDCO will be introduced in all the States ; and

(f) what is the amount that has been earmarked and the total investment made during 1994-95 ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI P. K. THUNGON) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (e) *Do not arise.*

(f) During the year 1994-95 HUDCO has fixed a loan sanction target of Rs. 1390 crore for housing and infrastructure projects, out of which it has sanctioned loan assistance of Rs. 211 crores, during the first quarter of the financial year i.e. 1-4-94 to 30-6-94. The releases made during this period are Rs. 101 crores.

Construction of Houses for Weaker Sections of Society

677. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI : Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

a) whether the programme under operation for construction of houses for the weaker sections of society haae been very poor ;

(b) if so, whether a total of 2741 schemes were approved under section 21 of Urban Land Ceiling Act;

(c) if so, which States have completed the implementation of the schemes for construction houses;

(d) what is the number of States which have not at all started construction of houses for poor section;

(e) what is the position of Government of Madhya Pradesh in this regard ;

(f) what are the reasons for slow progress in this regard; and

(g) whether any instructions were issued to State Government to implement the schemes for construction of houses for the poor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI P. K. THUNGON) : (a) and (b) Under Section 21, exemptions can be grante to a person to develop the excess vacant land for construction of dwelling units for the weaker sections of the society. As per information received from the State Governments/UTs. 2,741 schemes were aproved by them for construction of houses for the weaker sections of the society.

(c) and (d) The details are given in the statement enclosed. (*See* below).

(e) The Government of Madhya Pradesh approved 12 schemes under Section 21, but no scheme has been implemented so far.

(f) The reasons for slow progress are reported to be (a) litigation (b) short supply of construction materials; (c) delay in obtaining permission of the State Governments for seeking extension of time for completing the schemes; etc.

(g) The Government of India had issued guidelines to State Governments from time to time, for implementing Section 21 for construction of houses for the weaker sections of the society.

Statement

Section 21

Name of the State/UT	No. of Schemes approved	No. of Schemes implemented
1. Andhra Pradesh	55	33
2. Assam	..	..
3. Bihar	..	..
4. Gujarat	1636	658
5. Karnataka	1	1
6. Madhya Pradesh	12	..
7. Maharashtra	914	517
8. Orissa	2	2
9. Punjab	..	..
10. Rajasthan	23	3
11. Uttar Pradesh	49	14
12. West Bengal	..	..
13. Cantonment Areas	49	49
14. Delhi	..	..
15. Pondicherry	..	..
16. Chandigarh	..	..
	2741	1277

Meeting of Urban Development Ministers

673. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether a meeting of the Urban Development Ministers of the States and Union Territories was held in New Delhi to explore new ways of financing comprehensive urban infrastructure plans and civic services with public and private participation;

(b) if so, whether it was decided that civic amenities in urban areas should be privatised;

(c) if so, whether this was instituted due to the huge investment estimated for the development of civic amenities in urban areas;

(d) if, so whether any concrete decision was taken in this regard; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI P.K. THUNGON): (a) to (c) 25th Meeting of the Central Council for Local Govt. and Urban Development was held in New Delhi on 7th May, 1994, which was attended by some of the Ministers-in-charge of Local Self Governments and officials of various States/